

Duxbury Beach

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There is a passage in Justin Winsor's *A History Of The Town Of Duxbury* (published in 1849) which shows that concern over the ravages of the sea was felt a century ago, and not without reason:

"Fears have been entertained, in times past, that at some time the sea might force its way through the beach at various places, and to guard against this, there was built, some years ago, with much labor and expense, at many points throughout its whole extent, a kind of seawall, placed for the greatest part on the inner side of the beach, and formed by a double line of fences, made by stakes driven in the ground, and seaweed thrown between. This was accomplished under the direction of L.G. Sampson, Esq., then deputy collector of Plymouth district for the port of Duxbury, and paid for by an appropriation of Congress, amounting to several thousand dollars, and a large number of men were there employed for 3 or 4 weeks. At this time an appropriation was made by the town, and the whole extent of the beach purchased, and it now the town's property.